

assistance of interested persons including handicapped persons or organizations representing handicapped persons, its current facilities, policies and practices and the effects thereof to determine the extent to which they may or may not comply with the requirements of this part and the cost of structural or other changes that would be necessary to make each of its facilities accessible to handicapped persons.

(b) The results of the self-evaluation, including steps the legal services program plans to take to correct any deficiencies revealed and the timetable for completing such steps, shall be made available for review by the Corporation and interested members of the public.

§ 1624.8 Enforcement.

The procedures described in part 1618 of these regulations shall apply to any alleged violation of this part by a legal services program.

PART 1625 [RESERVED]

PART 1626—RESTRICTIONS ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ALIENS

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APPENDIX TO PART 1626—ALIEN ELIGIBILITY FOR REPRESENTATION BY LSC PROGRAMS

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§ 1626.1 Purpose.

This part is designed to ensure that recipients provide legal assistance only to citizens of the United States and eligible aliens. It is also designed to assist recipients in determining the eligibility and immigration status of persons who seek legal assistance.

§ 1626.2 Definitions.

(a) *Citizen* includes persons described or defined as citizens or nationals of the United States in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22) and Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Chapter 1 (8 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*) (citizens by birth) and Chapter 2 (8 U.S.C. 1421 *et seq.*) (citizens by naturalization) or antecedent citizen statutes.

(b) *Eligible alien* means a person who is not a citizen but who meets the requirements of § 1626.5.

(c) *Ineligible alien* means a person who is not a citizen and who does not meet the requirements of § 1626.5.

(d) *Rejected* refers to an application for adjustment of status that has been denied by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and is not subject to further administrative appeal.

(e) To provide legal assistance *on behalf of* an ineligible alien is to render legal assistance to an eligible client which benefits an ineligible alien and does not affect a specific legal right or interest of the eligible client.

(f) *Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty* includes, but is not limited to, being the victim of any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention, which results or threatens to result in physical or mental injury. Psychological or sexual abuse or exploitation, including rape, molestation, incest (if the victim is a minor), or forced prostitution shall be considered acts of violence. Other abusive actions may also be acts of violence under certain circumstances, including acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that are a part of an overall pattern of violence.

(g) *Legal assistance directly related to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery or cruelty* means any legal assistance that will assist victims of abuse in their escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse.

(h) *United States*, for purposes of this part, has the same meaning given that term in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(38) of the INA.

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